

**Henry Bouquet to George Washington, August 17, 1758,
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FROM COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET.

REAS TOWN CAMP 17th. Aug. 1758

DR. SIR

The Waggons are arrived safe to this Place, and the Detachmt. of Light Horse.

As it is not impossible (between us) that a Body of Troops under your Command Should march by B — Route, you will keep at Cumberland a Stock of Provisions for one Month, when your Convoy joins, and the Rest is to be forwarded to Reas Town.

As it is highly necessary to keep the Ennemy in doubt about our Roads, The General desires that you continue sending Strong Partys along, with orders to reconnoitre where the Junction of the two Roads could be made. I hear by Kelly who is gone from Loy: H — to the Salt Lick that it is about 16 miles a cross from that Post to the End of Chesnut Ridge where this Path goes: and the Woods So open that without cutting, Carrying horses may easily go thro', all pretty level —

Every one of your Partys, (who are to succeed one another constantly) are to detach Small Partys to reconnoitre the Ennemys, take if possible a View of their Works, and if they could get a Prisoner, know What Reinforcement they either have received, or do expect.

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I am impatient to know what Success your first Party has met with, as I can hear nothing from the Indians and all the Partys I have continually Sent out.

The Woods about us are full of little Partys of Indians, and I know that they have discovered our New Road, which go on pretty well. — To morrow or next Day, The Waggons will be at Edmunds Swamp 32 mile from here, and I hope the worste part of the Route. The rest to L — H — will not take 8 days, and I keep all our Carrying horses and Waggons constantly employed in Sending Provisions forward We have 1600 men over the mountains, and Several Partys out, besides one of 100 Men that Set out to morrow.

If the french have received their Reinforcements as I Suspect, They will not fail to Send white men out, and we Shall Soon hear of Some Skirmishes.

The Accounts of Louisburg are very good, and I make no doubt, that the Place is actually or will fall Shortly in our hands.

It Seems that the operations to the Northward are turned upon the defensive, a very bad Circumstance for us, as the Ennemy can Send any Number of Troops this way.

All the Vacancies at Louisburg and at Lake George are immediately filled up.

Capt. Graham is made major to the Highlanders Beckwith major to the 46 Eyres Lieut. Col. and West major to ye. 55. Munster — Major to the Royal Amer:

The General is at Shippensburg, and on his way to join us, but is Still So weak that he can not travel very fast.

I hear that your Camp is very Sickly and I think it would be proper to move to another Ground, wherever you find it convenient, without going to far from the Fort.

I am Dr. Sr.

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Your most obedt. hble Servant H. BOUQUET

Pray my Compliments to Col. Byrd P: S: as Soon as the Catawba &c. join you Let them be forwarded here. If by chance your Indians had lefft any Stores, Please to Send them to us as we have little or nothing and chiefly no Blanketts to give them